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By EDITH LaFRANCIS



THE TRESTLE

While struggling with the stormy blasts and icy footing of January, do you remember last summer and a bright warm day with a picnic at the "Trestle Area" in Robinson Park?

Here is a photo, taken by Harold Hutchinson, of the railroad trestle which gave the picnic ground its name.

The Connecticut Western Railroad started in 1897 to put in a line through Tariffville, Conn. to Feeding Hills, with plans to cross the Boston Albany tracks in West Springfield and continue on to Northampton. Work progressed slowly with a pick-and-shovel crew and a number of mules, so that it was three or four years later when construction actually reached Feeding Hills. There was a small trestle to be built south of Feeding Hills Center, grading, ties and track to lay and the trestle to be built across Agawam River.

A few of the engineers found temporary board and room in Feeding Hills homes, (as in the Clarence Granger home), but most of the workers built huts for themselves in what is now Robinson Park, where they did their own cooking and no doubt used the river for bathing and laundry. Mr. Henry Aschenbach of West Springfield remembers seeing the huts one day when he was a small boy and rode in the buggy with his father down to watch construction of the trestle.

Mr. Edward Kellogg had the contract to supply the crew with such items as boots and shovels, and hay and grain for the mules.

This railroad was not destined to become much of a success. For one thing, the B & A refused permission for the line to cross their tracks in West Springfield, which of course it would have to do to reach Northampton. There was no solution to this set-back except to connect onto the Boston & Albany line and go to Springfield. Thus Springfield became the terminal instead of Northampton.

Passenger service was never a paying proposition but considerable freight passed over the line, particularly farm implements and supplies, and coal.

In 1938 the line was legally abandoned although actually it had not been in use for some years before that. On July 1, 1938, the last train came in from Connecticut and C. H. Hancock, freight agent for the Springfield division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford which by that time controlled the line, was at the station in Feeding Hills to supervise the return of cars which had been left standing on the tracks.

After this, the highway over the tracks at the Center was lowered and resurfaced but the trestle was left standing for many years. The rails were taken up but the timber and steel remained.

This became a hazard as it was a lure to adventurous small boys and must have been fifty feet above shallow water and rocks. One mother in town remembers how her twelve-year old son, after a Saturday's exploration in Robinson Park, remarked casually, "You know that old trestle, Ma? Well, some of the way the ties were all rotted out and I had to walk on the stringers!"

Yes the trestle was a fine thing in its day but many parents breathed a sigh of relief when it was taken down. (Perhaps secretly remembering how they themselves climbed over it when they were young!)

Family Life Series

To Start Jan. 14

The first in the series of Family Life Education sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will start at the church Tuesday evening, Jan. 14 at 7:30.

The speaker will be Professor Wendell King from Westfield State College. His address will be on the general theme of the family in today's society, its problems and possibilities.

The program is open to all adults of the church and community. It is hoped that many will attend. Refreshments will be served.

Junior Grange

Meeting Jan. 4

Community Junior Grange No. 105 will meet for their annual "dues-paying" luncheon at the Grange Home on Saturday, Jan. 4 at 12:30 p. m. The luncheon is in charge of the Executive Committee: Douglas Favreau, Peter Meyer, and Bonnie Lawer, assisted by Mrs. Ruth Vigneaux and the honorary members.

Following the regular business meeting a Safety Program will be presented by the lecturer, Richard Allen. All members, both junior and honorary are expected to attend this meeting.

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Town Hall Office Hours

Margaret E. Ferranti, Agawam town collector, announces the new office hours starting Jan. 2, 1969. The office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day but there will be no more Thursday evening office hours.

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM, MASS.

Office of the Planning Board
The Agawam Planning Board cordially invites all interested citizens of the Town to attend the public hearings to be held at the Agawam Jr. High School Auditorium on Tuesday, January 14, 1969.

8 p.m. Amend the Zoning By-Law, Residence B so that it will now read: No lot shall have a frontage of less than 100 feet on a street or an area less than twelve thousand square feet.

8:30 p.m. Amend the Zoning By-Law, Residence B by deleting from said section, paragraph (3) which reads: A dwelling house of not more than four families.

9 p.m. Zone change from Residence A-2 to Business A for a parcel of land at the intersection of Main and Reed Streets.

9:30 p.m. Amend present A-3 Zoning By-Law.

AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
ALBERT CHRISTOPHER, Chairman

Agawam Coin Club

To Meet Jan. 15

The Agawam Coin Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Baptist Church. Mr. Joseph Secondo will speak to the subject, "United States War Decorations of the Civil War, Spanish American War and World War I. Mr. Secondo will also have a display of medals from the Civil War to the present.

Any veteran or other interested person is cordially invited to attend. There will be a short business meeting, an auction, a raffle, a door prize and refreshments.

Local Jaycee-ettes Orientation Jan. 14

Mrs. Richard Handy, president of the Agawam Jaycee-Ettes, will conduct an Orientation meeting in her home at 2284 Westfield St., West Springfield, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14th starting at 8.

The history of the Agawam Chapter as well as the purposes and aims of the Jaycee-Ette organization will be discussed in depth. All members are urged to attend.

Father's Night At Danahy PTA

Danahy Parent Teachers Association Father's Night will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Dr. Charles Gaudaire, Dean of Continuing Education and Extension Programs, at AIC, will speak on "Continuing Education A Must."

Swanson Appointed YMCA Smorgasbord Ticket Chairman

Mr. James Loomis, president of the Agawam YMCA, announced today that Mr. Ernest C.



ERNEST C. SWANSON

Swanson has been appointed ticket chairman for the annual YMCA smorgasbord to be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at the Junior High School cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m., with continuous servings. Mr. Nick Zucco will be the head chef.

Mr. Swanson is a member of the Board of Directors at the "Y" and will have over 25 committee members assisting him to sell tickets.

The smorgasbord is one way that the YMCA raises funds to help support youth activities in town.

Christian Science

Lecture Jan. 19

Although life often appears to be a torrent of opinions, pressure and change, there is an unfailing source of divine help available to those who understand God's real nature. This idea of the availability of divine help is the theme of a lecture to be given in Springfield on Sunday, Jan. 19.

The speaker will be Georgina Tennant, C.B.S., of London, England, under sponsorship of First Church of Christ, Scientist, at 599 State St. The lecture begins at 3:30 in the church auditorium. There is free parking on Orleans St., and an elevator to church edifice. The title of the lecture is "Something to Hold on To."

Mrs. Tennant is an authorized Christian Science teacher and practitioner. She has lived in many parts of the world, including Great Britain, India, Australia, and the United States. She served from 1947 to 1950 as Second Reader of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, and in 1953 began her tours as a member of the Church's Board of Lectureship.

N. Demko Granted

Junior Membership

Nicholas Demko, 16, of Main St., Agawam, has been granted a junior membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, announces Lloyd D. Miller, secretary.

This new junior membership entitles the member to register pure bred Angus at regular membership rates and to the privileges of the Association until the age of 21. At that time junior members are eligible to convert to lifetime memberships in the Association.

There were 178 young people in the United States to receive junior memberships last month.

Western Bank's Assets And Dividends Increase

William A. Franks, Jr., president of the Western Bank and Trust Company reported today that the bank's assets reached \$10.24 million at the end of 1968, reflecting a gain in excess of \$3.5 million during the past year.

In making the report, Mr. Franks noted that the percentage of increase in asset level was the largest in the bank's history.

Deposits with the Western Bank also showed considerable growth, up by 56.8% over the previous year to a new high level of \$9.25 million. This represents an increase in excess of \$3.35 million. An even greater percentage of increase was shown in loans and discounts, which increased from \$4.06 million to \$6.95 million.

Mr. Franks' report also revealed a strong increase of deposits in the commercial department.

These several factors contributed to an increase of net operating earnings in 1968 to \$65,475 or \$2.93 per share as against \$42,883 and \$1.53 per share in 1967.

At a meeting held on Dec. 10, 1968, the Board of Directors voted a dividend of 20 cents per share payable on Jan. 15, 1969

to stockholders of record on Dec. 31, 1968.

Jr. Women's Club

To Meet Monday

A Fourteenth District combined meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, The South Hadley Junior Women's Club and the Ramopogue Junior Women's Club will be held Monday, Jan. 13 at the Church of The Good Shepherd in West Springfield at 8 p.m.

The clubs will host the following State Federation guests: Mrs. Clarence F. Clark, president of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Paul E. Congdon, vice-president and Counselor to Junior Membership; Mrs. Albie R. Petruzzio, director of Junior Membership; Mrs. Franklin B. Hignett, assistant director; Mrs. Gary Lockwood, Public Affairs chairman, and Mrs. William J. Miller, member of the state nominating committee.

Mrs. John H. Bodurtha, 14th District Representative, will conduct the meeting.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. George Millman, humorist, whose topic will be "A (Continued on Page 8)

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
Sanctuary Choir Director
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,
Junior/Youth Choir Director
 Friday: 6:15 p. m. Bowling at West Side.
 Sunday: 9:30 a. m. Church at Worship. . Nursery for Infants. Church School in session until 10:45 a. m. 10:30 a. m. Fellowship Hour; 6:00 Youth Group.
 No Choir practice for Junior and Youth Choirs.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Frank Merchant,
Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
Church Secretary
 Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearse at church; 7:30 p. m. The Religious Education Committee meet at home of Miss Jennette Bodurtha, Elm St.
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship — Rev. Lockhart will preach and choir will sing; 10:30 church school for all ages; 6 p. m. Senior and Junior High BYF's meet at church.
 Monday: 7:30 p. m. Rehearsal for the Mr. and Mrs. Club show in Bodurtha Hall. The Show will be presented on Feb. 7 and 8 in Bodurtha Hall.
 Tuesday: 12 noon—The United Women's Fellowship will entertain the ladies of the Agawam Congregational Church at luncheon. All ladies are invited to attend; 6:30 p. m. Melody Choir rehearse at church.
 Wednesday: 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m. Trading Post open; 7:30 pm Rehearsal for the Mr. and Mrs. Club Show in Bodurtha Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music
 Friday: 4:15 p. m. Pastor's Class for 9th Graders; 7 p. m. Boy Scout meeting; 7:30 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.
 Saturday—8:45 a.m. Intermediate Choir rehearsal; 9:30 Junior Choir rehearsal.
 Sunday: 9 a. m. Church at Morning Worship. Mr. Bryan preaching and church school, nursery thru 6th Grade; 10 a. m. Church School, 7th Grade thru 12th Grade; 11 a. m. Church at Morning Worship — Mr. Bryan preaching and Church School, Nursery thru 6th Grade; 7:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship meeting.

Monday: 7:30 p. m. Trustees meeting;; 8 p. m. Friendly Workers meeting.
 Tuesday: 12:00. The Ladies Aid go to the Baptist Church for Luncheon; 6:30 p. m. Senior High Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p. m. Pastor's Class for prospective members; 7:30 p. m. Deacon's meeting.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
 Thursday—6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.
 Sunday—10 a.m. Church School for grades K through 6th; 10 a.m. Worship Service.
 Monday—7:30 p.m. Meeting of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses in the Spear Room.
 Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. First meeting of the Family Life Education Series in Church Hall. Dr. Wendell King, Westfield State College, is the speaker. All are welcome.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar
 Thursday—7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #79 meets in parish hall.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
Rev. Albert Blanchard
 Saturday — Confessions 4 to 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.
 MASS SCHEDULE
 Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.
 Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

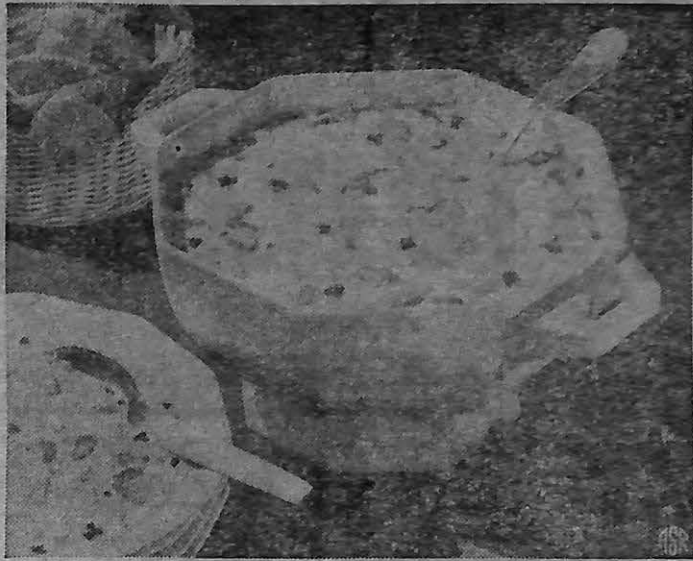
ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard
 MASS SCHEDULE
 Daily Mass—7 a.m.
 Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.
 Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.,
Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.
 Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.
 MASS SCHEDULE
 Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
 Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Hot and Hearty Chowder Mighty Nutritious



We can thank the New Englanders of long ago for the wonderful hearty chowders we relish today! Made rich and delicious with meat or fish, assorted vegetables and milk, chowders are nutritious dishes that make great winter luncheons or dinner menus.

Hearty Corn Chowder is a tasty chicken or turkey version, whichever you prefer. Add potatoes, celery and onion, and of course, lots of fresh whole milk to complete the list of nutritious ingredients.

If Hearty Corn Chowder is served at luncheon, complete the menu with assorted crackers and butter, crisp salad, brownies and milk. Or, serve smaller quantities of chowder as the first course at dinner.

Hearty Corn Chowder

1 cup thinly sliced onion	3 cups milk
1/4 cup butter	3 cups diced cooked chicken or turkey
2 cups diced potatoes	1 can (1 lb. 1 oz.) cream-style corn
1 cup thinly sliced celery	1/2 teaspoon thyme
1 cup water	1/4 cup chopped parsley
2 1/2 teaspoons salt	
1 chicken bouillon cube	

In large saucepan sauté onion slowly in butter until tender but not brown. Add potatoes, celery, water, salt and bouillon cube. Cover and cook until potatoes and celery are tender, about 15 minutes. Add milk, chicken or turkey, corn and thyme. Heat. Just before serving, stir in parsley. Makes 10 cups of chowder, 8 to 10 servings.

Loyal Order of Moose AGAWAM LODGE No. 1935



WESTERN NIGHT will be held Saturday, Jan. 11th with a roast beef dinner and dancing to the music of Bart Nascentbeni at St. Theresa's Hall, Bridge St., Agawam. Tickets may be obtained from Fred Durocher, 566,5131, or at the Lodge . . . dress informal, jeans and boots.

Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.
Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.
 Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p. m. Confessions
 Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a. m. Masses.
 Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

"THE CHURCH ON THE HILL"
Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary
 Sunday — 10 a.m. Morning worship with sermon "Picking Up the Fragments" — Sunday School in Dunn Community Hall; 6 p.m. Young People's Society.
 Wednesday — 8 p.m. Church Council meeting.

PITCH TOURNAMENT will be held every Wednesday evening at the Lodge starting at 8 . . . the perfect place for the "boys night out" . . . see you there!

INSTALLATION of new members will be held Jan. 26th at St. Theresa's Hall. Following the installation there will be a smorgasbord for new members and their wives. We would like to see many members and their wives there to welcome them into the Lodge. Sponsors are requested to be there also.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.
 West Springfield, Mass.
Larry Thornton, Pastor
 Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning worship service. Supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m. Evening Service.
 Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study.
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By Marjorie Marsh

If you're a happy bride setting out to furnish her first nest, or a cozy housewife looking for a slipcover to put on that old club chair . . . you're in for a very nice surprise when you start shopping.

You'll probably think that you're on the wrong floor when you see what's happening in the furniture, fabric and rug departments. All the greys and browns so popular in clothes are popping up in home fashions. One teen-aged bride I know is even making herself a grey flannel hostess skirt to match her sofa! And she'll be matching her husband's suit at the same time.

Wool Carpets Outstanding

Carpets, in particular, are a treat to see. Some of the prettiest are in time-tested wool which is now available at very moderate prices . . . even in woolmark quality. The carpet mills tell me that sheep come in a variety of shades — oatmeal, pewter, white, cocoa and of course black—and the mills take the natural fleece, undyed, to make these new neutrals. They certainly do add warmth to modern steel and glass furniture.

As for other colors, you'll see very new, very pale pastel tones to go with formal furniture, and the popular golds and greens are perfect for Early American, Mediterranean and traditional English.

Oranges, reds, perky yellows and blues, all the way from mist to navy, are important, too. Just about the only color missing, to the disappointment of a young friend of mine, is purple. But maybe if she asks for it in enough stores, she can start her own trend!

FUNERAL NOTICES

JOSEPH J. DURANT

The funeral of Mr. Joseph J. Durant of 91 Fairview Avenue, Agawam, husband of Mrs. Anna (Prendiville) Durant, was held Thursday, Jan. 2, from the Curran-Jones Funeral Home followed by a requiem high mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. The Rev. George A. Farland was celebrant. Seated in the sanctuary was the Rev. Albert J. Blanchard. Bearers were Michael Natale, Nicholas Natale, William Donovan, Walter Sullivan, Vin Sullivan and Louis Curto. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery with Fr. Farland assisted by Fr. Blanchard offering the prayers of committal. Colors were boxed by Commander Edward Harpin, Past Commander Russell Baker and Past Commander Richard Adelman of Post 1632 VFW, Agawam.

There's more to a playing card than paper and ink. According to Congress Playing Cards experts, the "mix" which makes a card a "good player" consists of no fewer than eight substances. They include: casein, latex, borax, satin white, carbon, black, carnauba wax, china clay and shellac.



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Richard Naciewicz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Naciewicz of 247 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, has completed his studies at Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo. He has accepted a position teaching History at the new Crown Point High School located on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Gallup, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Altobelli of Mill St., announce the birth of their third child and first son, Robert John, at Wesson Maternity Hospital Dec. 23. The infant has two sisters, Christine and Kathleen. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Lehberger of Raymond Circle and paternal grandparent Mrs. Dena Altobelli of Bosworth St., West Springfield. Mr. Altobelli is a member of the faculty at Agawam High School and a town assessor.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russo of Cooper St., were recently guests of honor at St. Ann's Country Club on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary. The couple has three children, Thomas, Jr., of Silver St., Joseph T. of Cooper St., and Mrs. Rodney Salmoni of Thompsonville, Conn., and six grandchildren, Mr. Russo, a town constable operates a market garden on Cooper St., and was recently elected vice-president of the Auxiliary Police Association.

The Raymond L. Fontaines of 306 Poplar St., Feeding Hills, named the Dec. 27th arrival, Dennis Raymond. The new addition has an older brother Douglas. Proud grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Fontaine from Westfield and the Erminio Cecchis' of Cecchi Farms, Springfield St., Feeding Hills. What a lovely Christmas Present.

Holiday guests entertained by Mrs. Claude Ayotte of 99 Parker St., Agawam, included her mother, Mrs. Margaret Hanson of Storrs, Conn., two graduate students of University of Conn., Miss Turag Ucal of Istanbul, Turkey, and Modammad Ilgas of Lahore, Pakistan.

Mrs. Ayotte and daughter Janice have just returned from visiting her brother and family, Captain and Mrs. W. D. Hanson of New Cumberland, Pa.



COLLEGE NEWS

ITHACA — Paul Veronesi of Agawam, is currently performing with the Ithaca College freshman basketball team.

Veronesi, a Guard, has been a major contributor to the Ithaca's fine 4-2 record this season. A Business Administration major, Veronesi is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Veronesi of 20 Central St., Agawam. He is a 1968 graduate of Agawam High School.

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Tuna Rice Casserole

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| 3 tablespoons regular margarine or butter | 2 cups cooked rice |
| 3 tablespoons regular all-purpose flour | 1 cup (6-7 oz. can) tuna, drained and flaked |
| 2 cups milk | ¼ cup chopped parsley |
| ½ teaspoon salt | 1 cup KELLOGG'S SPECIAL K cereal |
| ½ teaspoon paprika | 1 teaspoon regular margarine or butter, melted |
| 2 cups grated Cheddar cheese | |

To make cheese sauce: melt the 3 tablespoons margarine in saucepan over low heat; stir in flour. Add milk gradually, stirring until smooth. Increase heat to medium and cook until bubbly and thickened, stirring constantly. Add salt, paprika and cheese, stirring until cheese is melted.

In buttered individual ramekins or a 1½ quart casserole, arrange layers of rice, tuna, parsley and cheese sauce, ending with sauce. Measure Special K, then crush to ½ cup; combine with the 1 teaspoon margarine. Sprinkle over tuna mixture. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) about 15 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serve immediately.

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Yield: 6 servings

Valley Flower Show Scheduled Feb. 22-25

The committees for the 20th annual Connecticut Valley Flower Show have been named, according to Earle Spaulding, president of the sponsoring Conn. Valley Horticultural Society.

The Flower Show is to be held Feb. 20-25 at the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition. The theme for this year's show is "A Floral Salute to Broadway."

Named to the finance committee are: Richard Simard of Aldenville, Ernest Page of East Longmeadow, and Robert Porter of Holyoke. On the public relations committee will be: John Dunlop of Chicopee, Jim Denver of Springfield and Charles Godin of Westfield.

Serving on the garden's committee will be: Louis Alessio of Westfield, and James Stewart of Turners Falls. The Garden Clubs

committee will consist of: Mrs. Constance Haire of Hazardville, Conn. and Richard Simard of Aldenville. On the awards committee will be: Smail, Torre and Porter.

Serving on all committees will be president Earle Spaulding and Paul Procopio, a landscape architect from the University of Massachusetts.

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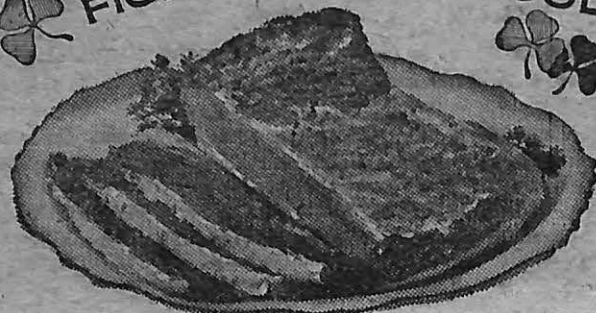
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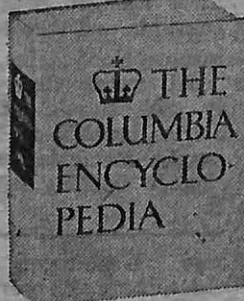
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The Pinkertons

Occasionally a book appears that recreates episodes in American history so vividly on a foundation of carefully researched facts that a reader feels he is a participant in an era. Such is the case with "The Pinkertons" by Mr. James D. Horan, published by Crown Publishers, Inc. Mr. Horan's story takes the reader through more than a century of "the detective dynasty that made history." Pinkertons, Inc., a descendant of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, is a major American business. Its assignments are carried out by a college-trained staff, many of them former FBI agents. Pinkertons of today is a far cry from the detective agency of founder, Mr. Allan Pinkerton.

Allan Pinkerton was an important leader in the Underground Railway for fugitive slaves, and a close friend of John Brown. He protected Abraham Lincoln, on the way to his first inauguration as President, from an assassination plot. He served as General McClellan's chief of espionage and intelligence during the Civil War. His Agency established one of the first "rogues' galleries" and invented many procedures of criminal investigation, some of which are still in use. Allan and his sons led in the fight against train, express company, and bank robbers during the turbulent days of the early West.

"The Pinkertons" is a substantial volume of Americana, rich in tradition, nostalgia and history. Anyone seeking a better understanding of our country may profit from reading it.

Consumer News . . .

The new year is upon us and with it comes an old problem—income taxes. The annual burden of filing state and federal tax returns can be considerably lightened through a few simple precautions.

We are fortunate here in Massachusetts that we have had little difficulty with "fly-by-night" income tax consultants. Occasionally, however, a dishonest or incompetent individual hangs out his shingle. The wise consumer and taxpayer therefore will be leary of being victimized. The Criminal Division of my office presently has under investigation cases involving fraudulent tax returns.

The chief sign to watch for is the store front office which opens in January and closes on April 15. Now it is very possible that this is a legitimate and competent individual or organization. The important consideration here is whether or not representatives of the office will be available later on in the year for advice should your tax return be questioned on either the state or federal level.

These tax "gypsies" often offer to get the taxpayer the highest refund or—if he owes money—to see that he pays the least in taxes. This may involve the listing of improper deductions. Often, the fee charged by the "gypsy" is based on the amount he allegedly "saves" the taxpayer.

But when the IRS or the state tax department audits the taxpayer's return, the "gypsy" has disappeared, and the taxpayer alone is responsible for the statements on his return and must answer for the items listed thereon.

Under such circumstances, the taxpayer usually ends up paying more money to the government. And to make matters worse, there is the additional loss of time and pay necessitated by a tax audit. The taxpayer is also subject to prosecution if the violations are willful.

It is important to know the tax consultant with whom you are dealing. Only when you deal with reliable people can you minimize the risk of losing time and pay for a tax audit and the burden of owing additional tax money.

For those who desire assistance in filling out their tax forms, both the state and federal governments provide assistance. Last year, the state tax department alone provided 26,000 man hours of free taxpayers assistance.

This assistance is available throughout the state. The state tax department has offices in Boston, Brockton, Fall River, Fitchburg, Hyannis, Lowell, Salem, Pittsfield, Springfield and Worcester. In addition, consultants will hold one and two-day sessions in other communities for the same purpose. Watch your local newspaper for announcements of these sessions.

In return, you can aid the tax department by using the forms which are mailed to you and by seeking assistance early. Last year, 672,000 state returns were filed on the last filing day.

For consumer complaints, write: Atty. General Elliot Richardson, Consumer Protection Division, State House, Boston, 02133. (727-5520)

SPOT REMOVAL

If getting spots out of shirts is a problem, here are some handy tips from the American Institute of Men's and Boy's Wear.

For lipstick stains—rub well with petroleum jelly before putting shirt in laundry.

Iodine stains will come out of a shirt if sponged with household ammonia and then washed.

To remove blood stains, sponge with cold water then powder quickly with starch. After the starch dries, brush it off. You can also apply ammonia to blood spots before washing with good results.

George Washington played cards here, there and everywhere. His dairy contains sundry mentions of "evenings spent at the card table" with a detailed record of games won and lost.

The Old Timer



"Inflation is a method of cutting a dollar bill in half without damaging the paper."

DESIGNS FOR LIVING
by Shirley Leader
ROCKLAND MILLS DECORATIVE CENTER



Why Worry About Windows?

So many of you have been asking us about windows—a bit of a specialty here, you know—that some basic answers seem to be in order. Not that there's anything "basic" about windows . . . what with every one of them a different size and shape. (Doesn't it seem that way to you when it comes to measuring for draperies time?)

Believe it or not, though, there are a number of window woes that a lot of us share—and we've worked out some answers that ought to help when it's your turn to redecorate.

Like what to do with a window wall that's really a mish-mash of every-size openings piercing the wall at uneven intervals. Why not try a little make-believe? Just treat the whole wall as a unit—draping the entire area, end to end, with individually-controlled draw-back separations in the sweep of fabric, wherever you'll want to let the light in. Visual magic . . . that works fashion wonders!

No need to stick to center-partings on picture windows, either. I like to get away from the obvious wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling, open-in-the-middle draw draperies with the newer one-way traverse rods. Much more handsome—and much more practical, too, when the drapery lining is a new Roc-lon cotton, insulated to control inside temperature. (You know how outside weather loves to creep inside—particularly through those big areas of glass!)

For a drafty family room—much-used but not "company quarters"—why not think about the same insulating advantages in a sturdy self-lined drapery? I find that the new fashion fabrics with a Roc-lonized self-lining have a lovely, "velvet suede" feeling—and so much kinder to the pocketbook than separate linings.

Easy? Window decorating never is . . . but isn't it nice that it's getting easier?

SOCIAL SECURITY

ATTENTION:

To all those nearing their 65th birthday, now is the time to think about enrolling for Medicare. Your health insurance just doesn't happen. You must take positive action to get it. There is a specific enrollment period for Part B, Supplementary Medical Insurance which extends from the first day of the third month before you are 65 to the last day of the third month after you are 65. Thus, you have a seven month period in which to enroll. If you fail to sign up during this period you can do so in the general enrollment period which extends from January through March of each year. But then your coverage won't begin until the following July 1st.

You don't have to retire. Many people continue working and still sign up for health insurance. You can also keep whatever private insurance you desire to supplement Medicare.

Remember, see your local social security office at 145 State St., Springfield, Mass. in time to sign up. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Thursday from 9 to 8 p.m.

A shoe repair shop advertises the "doctoring of shoes, healing them, dyeing them and saving their soles."

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Hey Mom, We like these

January 13 through January 17

SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Orange juice, cold cut grinders, (ham, bologna & cheese), lettuce tomato slices, peanut butter sandwich, walnut cake w/butter icing, milk.

Tuesday: Elbow macaroni w/ tomato, meat, cheese sauce, cabbage carrot salad, bread/butter sandwich, apricot upside down cake w/topping, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, toasted ham cheese roll, buttered green beans, mustard, mayonnaise, apple crisp, peanut butter sandwich, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday: Hamburg gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered spinach, bread/potato, peaches, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, Tuna salad sailboat, garden salad w/ spinach greens, peanut butter sandwich, blueberry pie square, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, sloppy Joe on bun, buttered carrots, fruit cup, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, grinders (slice meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes), pickles, potato chips, apricot sauce w/cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Hamburg on bun, juice, cheese, green beans, peanut butter sandwich, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday: Juice, macaroni, meat balls, cabbage-carrot salad, bread & butter, fruit cup, cookie, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese sandwich, homemade baked beans, tossed salad, butter cake w/chocolate sauce, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, frankfurts on roll, carrots/peas, applesauce cake, milk.

Tuesday: Vegetable soup, meat or peanut butter sandwich, cookies, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni in meat sauce, green beans, cheese wedge, bread/butter, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Juices, toasted ham and cheese, potato chips, mixed vegetables, cookies, fruit, milk.

Friday: Juice, Tuna fish or peanut butter sandwich, cabbage carrot salad, potato chips, cookies, fruit, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered bun, relish, mustard, potato chips, buttered vegetables, apple crisp, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, ham/cheese on Water Roll, potato sticks, whole kernel corn, white cake w/fudge sauce, milk.

Wednesday: Shell macaroni w/ meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, bread/butter, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday: Oven Fried Chicken, parsley potato, buttered beets, bread/butter, jello w/whipped topping, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, buttered carrots, spice cake, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Beef pot pie w/potato topping, buttered leaf spinach, peanut butter jelly sandwich, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, grilled frankfurt, hash brown potatoes, buttered green beans, cheese squares, bread/butter, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk.

Wednesday: Turkey rice soup w/vegetables, turkey salad sandwich, carrot celery sticks, citrus fruit cup, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Thursday: Baked macaroni w/ hamburger tomatoes, buttered carrots, cheese or peanut butter sandwich, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, tuna potato casserole au Gratin, buttered peas, bread/butter, chocolate cake w/butter icing, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Vegetable soup, peanut butter jelly sandwich, cheese sticks, orange wedges, cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, oven fried chicken, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, bread/butter, ice cream, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, hamburger on buttered bun, sliced onions, relish, buttered carrots, chocolate cake w/butter icing, milk.

Thursday: Juice, toasted ham cheese roll, buttered green beans, potato chips, peanut butter sandwich, peaches, milk.

Friday: Fish sticks, oven baked beans, cabbage carrot salad, bread/butter, Mary Jane cake, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Orange juice, meat ball grinders w/sauce, cabbage carrot salad, pineapple cake w/topping, milk.

Tuesday: Tomato soup, crackers, ham, relish sandwich, carrot sticks, peanut butter cookie, orange wedge, milk.

Wednesday: Citrus juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, mustard, relish, buttered corn, potato chips, raisin cake w/butter frosting, milk.

Thursday: Shell macaroni w/meat sauce, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, sliced peaches, milk.

Friday: Juice, Tuna fish sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, French fries, buttered carrots, fruit, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Orange juice, turkey noodle soup w/vegetables, celery sticks, chopped ham salad on rye, citrus cup, milk.

Tuesday: Baked shell macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, fruit slaw salad, peanut butter on rye, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken in gravy on mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas/carrots, buttered pan biscuit, spiced cake w/fruit topping, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, baked hash, catsup, buttered broccoli, peanut butter & honey on rye, crunch bars, milk.

Friday: Baked beans, fish cake, cabbage carrot salad, homemade yeast roll w/butter, citrus jello w/topping, milk.

January 4, 1887 — Thomas Stevens completed a bicycle trip around the world, arriving in San Francisco after having actually wheeled about 18,500 miles on a 50-inch (diameter of the large front wheel) bicycle.

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Why Carol Anne? Why not Joanne? Someday science may learn the reason. There are still so many questions to be answered . . . so many birth defects to be conquered.

The National Foundation-March of Dimes is leading the battle through research, treatment and education. Please help.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

The Dept. of Natural Resources started the ball rolling a few months back when one of its officers brought the Strathmore Paper Co., into court for polluting the Westfield River. It was the first time in many years that a state agency had the fortitude to buck a large corporation in the interest of the people of the state. The results are most gratifying. . . not the fine the Company had to pay, but the action that was taken since the court appearance and conviction.

The Strathmore Paper Co., has instituted a quarter million dollar program which will end the elimination of paper making waste materials, fibers and pigments, into the Westfield River.

A major internal repiping installation which will enable the Company to reuse, over and over again, water which has been taken from the river and treated for process applications.

A connection has also been made with a West Springfield sewer interceptor line which runs nearby, for the disposal of all waste generated by the Company's manufacturing operation. When in final operation, the flow of contaminants into the river from Strathmore's West Spfld. plant will end.

The West Springfield program is Strathmore's second big effort in behalf of clean water in the Westfield River.

The Company is cooperating with the town of Russell in the construction of a waste treatment plant that will serve the village of Woronoco and also receive the waste from Strathmore's two mills there. The paper company is carrying the lion's share of the cost of the engineering survey that is to be undertaken, and the actual construction of the plant.

The mill will continue to use 3,000,000 gals. of untreated Westfield River water each day to cool its electrical generating tur-

bine. This water is also returned directly to the river, with no significant change in temperature.

It is estimated that the W. S. interceptor sewer line will receive between 300,000 and 500,000 gals. of contaminants each day. The company lines and town lines do have maximum capabilities thus a limit of 350 gals. a minute or 500,000 gals. a day will be pumped. To make sure that the flow does remain constant, and does not exceed the capacity of the sewer line, a 300,000 gal. concrete tank and pump house is being constructed on the river bank. If the flow goes over the accepted peak, the surplus gallonage will be diverted into the tank, and will be automatically pumped into the sewer system during slack periods in this way, highs and lows will be avoided in the rate of flow.

Might be that we of this generation will see a clean river flowing by our lovely town before we die.

VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The fifth game in the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening. Winning door prizes were Rhea Duclos, Gladys Cortes, Florence Steere and Florence Panaretas.

Mystery prize winners were Rhea Duclos, Adine Morley and Rhea Duclos. Ladies ace prize winner was Selina Beauchane and Nick Panaretas for the men.

The following were high score winners: Ladies — 1st Selina Beauchane, 2nd Gladys Stone, 3rd Rhea Duclos, 4th Florence Steere; Men — 1st Nick Panaretas, 2nd Howard Thayer, 3rd Walter Haggerty, 4th Ken Morley.



"Aw, he seems friendly enough, Mom — Lookit that big smile—"

OFF AND RUNNING by John I. Day

The Fastest Mile

Perhaps the quickest way to see Dr. Fager's world record time for one mile broken would be to state that the equine speed limit had been reached.

Just 50 years after Roamer had astounded the turf world by covering a mile in 1:34 4/5, running against time instead of horses, Dr. Fager won the Washington Park Handicap under 134 pounds covering the eight furlongs in 1:32 1/5. At the time Roamer performed his feat, the record, 1:36 1/5, belonged to Sun Briar. This was equaled by Fairy Wand in 1919, and the following year Man o' War set a short lived record, lowering the mark to 1:35 4/5. Audacious (1921) and Cherry Pie (1923) each chipped 1/5th of a second from the record and in 1930 Jack High made it a flat 1:35.

Longest tenure for the mile record set in competition was held by Equipoise, who in 1932 bettered Roamer's time by 2/5th of a second. It wasn't until 1948 at Golden Gate Fields that Prevaricator equaled the Equipoise mark of 1:34 2/5. Prevaricator's record was remarkable in that it was around two turns on a one mile oval, while Equipoise started from the mile chute on the Arlington Park backstretch and had to negotiate but one turn. Other holders of the one mile record have been Coaltown (1:34), Citation (1:33 3/5), Swaps, Intentionally, Pia Star and Hedevar sharing a mark of 1:33 1/5; Buckpasser (1:32 3/5), and now Dr. Fager. Of these, however, only Citation and Swaps rounded two turns.



Bay State Leads Nation In Consumer Protection

From Attorney General ELLIOT RICHARDSON

Massachusetts now provides more protection to its consumers and wage earners than any other state in the nation.

Bay Staters borrowing money and buying on credit are protected against high or hidden interest charges and assured full disclosure of all costs by the Retail Installment Sales and Truth-in-Lending Laws. And, broad and comprehensive protection against a wide variety of deceptive trade practices is provided by the so-called "Baby Federal Trade Commission Act" which became effective last spring. This law gives the Attorney General the power to promulgate and enforce at the state level rules and regulations consistent with FTC and federal court rulings at the national level.

These laws are good. They can be better.

One way in which they can be strengthened is by allowing consumers who have suffered financial losses as a result of unfair trade practices to recover their losses.

At the present time, the Atty. General is not empowered, except upon receipt of an assurance of discontinuance from the offending party, to seek damages for a defrauded consumer. My office has been quite successful in securing restitution through cooperation with offending parties. It could do even more if the consumer's legal right to damages were assured.

Furthermore, the aggrieved consumer often has no satisfactory private remedy readily at hand. This is because many attorneys are reluctant to take cases where the burden of establishing fraud is heavy and the likelihood of recovering damages low.

In order to protect consumers and provide a means by which they can recover losses resulting from consumer fraud, I have filed two bills for consideration by the 1969 legislature. Joining me in sponsoring these bills are: Senators Kevin B. Harrington, Salem; Oliver F. Ames, Boston; and Ronald C. MacKenzie, Burlington; and Representatives Paul Murphy, Boston; Joel S. Greenberg, Pittsfield; Arthur H. Tobin,

Quincy; and Martin A. Linsky, Brookline.

The first bill, H.2235, would allow the Attorney General, when seeking a court injunction to curtail illegal activities under c. 93A, to request that the court award damages to an aggrieved consumer.

The second bill, S.211, would allow the defrauded consumer, on his own, or in conjunction with other complainants, to bring civil action in superior court for triple damages or \$500 whichever sum is larger. If the consumer succeeds in establishing fraud and can prove loss, the court can assess attorney's fees and court costs as part of the damages.

The weapons we have now to protect consumers enable us to prevent further victimization of consumers by an unscrupulous operator, but the laws provide little redress for the immediate victim. If these bills are passed, the consumer who has been victimized would have a better opportunity to recover the losses he has incurred than he does at present. For Consumer problems write: Atty. General Elliot L. Richardson, Consumer Protection Division, State House, Boston, Mass. 02133.

HOWDY NEIGHBOR

By Boyd Pierce of Burleson

Secretary of Agriculture
Care of White House
Washington, D. C. Zip Code

Dear Mr. Secretary:

My good friend, Emmett Boudreaux, who lives out in the country just recently received a \$1,000 check from the government for not raising hogs this year. So, I am going into the "Not Raising Hog Business" sometime next year. What I want to know is, in your opinion, just what is the best kind of a farm for not to raise hogs on? What is the best kind of hogs not to raise? I would prefer not to raise razorbacks, but if that is not a good breed not to raise, I will gladly not raise durocs or poland chinas or berkshires.

The hardest work in this business is going to be in my keeping an inventory of how many hogs I have not raised. My friend, Emmett Boudreaux is

very joyful about the future of this business. He has been raising hogs for more than 20 years and the best he ever made was \$400 until this year when you sent him his \$1,000 for not raising hogs. If I can get \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs, then I will get \$2,000 for not raising 100 hogs.

I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 hogs, which I figure to bring me a check for \$80,000. Now, another thing I am wondering about. These hogs that I will not raise will not eat \$100,000 bushels of corn. So, will you also pay me for not raising corn to feed the hogs that I am not raising? I want to get started as soon as possible because it looks like a good year next year for not raising hogs, so please let me hear from you soon.

Your friend,
Boyd Pierce

Howdy Neighbor

P. S. Can I raise 10 or 12 hogs on the side while I am in the "Not Raising Hog Business?" — You know, so I can sorta fill up my freezer.

—B. P.

The King of Diamonds is the only one-eyed monarch in the modern deck of cards. According to legend a likeness of Julius Caesar, copied from an old coin, was the model for the original King of Diamonds back in the 15th century.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Louis R. Cusson and Elizabeth A. Cusson, husband and wife, dated September 22, 1967 and recorded in the Hampden Registry District of the Massachusetts Land Court as Document No. 33953 and noted on Certificates of Title No. 13456 and 13457, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction at nine o'clock A.M. on Wednesday, January 29, 1969 on the premises below described, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage being therein described as follows: "Certain real estate situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described in two parcels as follows: FIRST PARCEL: North-easterly by Lot A1 as shown on plan hereinafter mentioned forty-four and 21/100 (44.21) feet; Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Andrew Scibelli et al four (4) feet; Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Albin Johnson et al forty-four and 21/100 (44.21) feet; and Northwesterly by Lot B as shown on said plan four (4) feet. Said land is shown as lot A2 on said plan. All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown upon sub-division plan drawn by Cobb, Beasley & Miles, Engineers, dated July 26, 1945, as modified and approved by the Court, on file in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title #3688 Registry District of Hampden County, Massachusetts. SECOND PARCEL: Southerly by the northerly line of North Street, thirty-one and 55/100 (31.55) feet; Westerly by land now or formerly of Harold Camyre, et al, four hundred thirty-three and 39/100 (433.39) feet; Northerly by land now or formerly of Jane M. Carroll, thirty-four and 03/100 (34.03) feet; and Easterly by lands of sundry adjoining owners, four hundred thirty-two and 04/100 (432.04) feet. All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on a plan drawn by Durkee, White, Towne-Chapdelaine, Surveyors, dated May 16, 1966, as modified and approved by the Court, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Land Court Certificate of Title No. 13449. Being the premises registered in the Land Registration Office for the Registry District of the County of Hampden as Certificates of Title No. 13456 and 13457. It is hereby agreed that all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, ranges, refrigerators, refrigerating apparatus, mantels, gas and electric light fixtures, screens, screen doors, awnings and all other fixtures of whatsoever kind and nature at present contained or hereafter placed in the buildings now or hereafter standing on said premises, are to be considered as annexed to and forming part of the freehold."

The above described premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, or liens if any. Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money, the balance in cash upon delivery of the deed, the deed to be taken within seven (7) days of the sale, other terms to be announced at the sale.

SPRINGFIELD FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK
By ALFRED C. MCCARTHY
Vice Pres. and Mgr. Officer
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December 13, 1968
Ralph W. Crowell, Attorney
Springfield, Massachusetts
(Jan. 2-9-16)

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AMA Has A Word Of Caution For Snow-Shoveling Season

As snow piles up, so do related problems. Among these every year is the collapse of a number of snow-shovelers.

If you are sure that you're physically fit, go ahead with the snow-shoveling task, the American Medical Association says.

But if there is any doubt, AMA suggests: Get the job done some other way. Hire someone, or use power equipment.

It is much less expensive to employ these alternatives than to risk health impairment or death, AMA emphasizes.

Even if you are physically fit, AMA notes, it is safer to use a small shovel, filling it only partly. If possible, it also is better to push the snow rather than lift it.

By thus lightening the load, it's explained, it is not necessary to tense the diaphragm and abdominal muscles. There consequently is no significant increase in pressure within the chest cavity or increase in circulatory demand within the heart walls.

Frequently, AMA says, the problem with snow-shoveling is

aggravation of an existing heart condition. When such a condition exists, breathing cold air while under physical strain may cause a spasm of small arteries serving the heart.

This usually can be avoided, AMA advises, by wearing a cold weather mask or covering the face with several layers of a knit scarf. This permits warming of inhaled air before it reaches the lungs.

Even for the physically fit, it's suggested, the motto should be: Easy does it. Especially when there is a lot of snow and a large area to be cleared, do the job in stages, resting periodically.

Finally, AMA cautions, falls also are a hazard for the snow-shoveler. Footwear that is not likely to slip on icy surfaces, and making sure of firm footing before moving snow are important.



Mario J. Sakellis, executive director of the Agawam YMCA announced today that all the Agawam YMCA Indian Guides tribes have been invited to attend a Special Nation Pow-Wow on Saturday Jan. 11, at the New Central YMCA building.

The program will start at 6:30 p. m. to 8:30 and it will include gymnasium, physical fitness, the running track, swimming, cartoons and refreshments.

This is open to all boys and dads in the Indian Guides. Cost for this is \$1 per father and son. Reservations must be made in advance at the Agawam YMCA by Friday Jan. 10th. For further information call the Agawam YMCA.

Registrations for the Saturday morning boys and girls gym classes held at the High School are still open for those who have not yet registered.



SLAVIC FLAVOR—In the new mood of fashion is the cotton corduroy peasant coat. Valor interprets the look in Cone's corduroy, cut on the bias and flavored in the Slavic manner with fur-like trim.

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Jo-Ann Della-Giustina

Tryouts are finally over and the leads for this year's operetta, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," have been chosen. Seniors Bill Barker and Denise Hawkins have been chosen for these parts. Bill has been in the past three operettas playing in supporting roles and Denise in past stage choruses. Both have been active in serving their class and their school.

Rehearsals have begun both for the dialogue production numbers and dancing. Before the actual presentation more than one-quarter of the entire school will have been involved in one form or another.

Good luck to the cast and anyone else connected with the presentation of "How to Succeed."

STUDENT COUNCIL

Preparations for many of the Student Council activities are in progress. The Council has begun a series of monthly dances for AHS students. Also in the planning is a Winter Carnival to be held in February. During the three-day carnival, many activities ranging from snow sculpture to a basketball game will be held.

COMING EVENTS: Basketball and hockey seasons continuing successfully. Yearbook coming along well.

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PROMENADERS

SQUARE DANCE



Peg and Bob Shoemaker

Nomination of officers for the Agawam Promenaders took place at a brief business meeting following a wonderful Christmas party and dance, Dec. 13 at Robinson Park School on Begley St., Agawam.

Santa Claus distributed gifts, and members danced and marched to recorded music and the square dance calling of Al Besette. There were special decorations and refreshments in keeping with the season. Members were delighted to welcome Beryl and Doug Shaylor, former members who were visiting in town and decided to attend the dance.

Bert and Claire McCormick reported for the nominating committee and proposed the names of Jack and Barbara Kupec for secretary; Howard and Doris Greene for treasurer; Vince and Gwen Gregory for refreshment chairmen. They were elected for the coming year.

Plans were announced for a closed dance for members only to be held Jan. 10 at Robinson Park School auditorium. Al Besette will be the caller and the business meeting will follow the dance. Reports will be presented by all members of the Executive Board including retiring officers, Mary and Bob Adams, treasurers; Lindy and Dick Davis, refreshment chairmen and Charles and Rose Marie Nathan, secretaries.

Presiding will be program chairmen Adele and Loug Cochran, who will announce plans for special features for the coming dances. Several interesting programs are being planned to add variety and additional fun to the by-monthly square dances of the Promenaders.

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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

The Bib Bissonnette's hosted a "Come As You Are Party" at the VFW 1632 Home on South St., Thursday, Jan. 2. They were happy to receive Comdr. Harpin, P. C. Brady Snyder, Chaplain Norm Wood, Gus Hocker, Ozzie Inman, P. C. Tom Dickinson, Jim Ford of the Post, Secretary Bill and Barb Mitchell, Jr., Gov. George and Terry Gebo, Chet and Dot McNabe, and Sgt.-At-Arms Mike and Shirley Fydenkevez of the Loyal Order of Moose No. 1935, Betty Curran from the Auxiliary, Lucy Laviolette, Lill McLean, Willie DeForge, Tom Daley from the Golden Agers, friends Barbara and Peter Cecchi and their friends, Sugar McLean, Beulah Hocker and Pat Wood. Good relations was shown between the three groups when all appeared to participate whole heartedly in the program. Hong Kong flu had many members and friends under the weather so we missed the Jim Hayes; Kathy Dickinson, The Ruelas, the Dias, the Saccavinos, the Albert Cecchis, the Cascios, Carol Inman, Adlof Netkovick, the Dumonds

and Venetta Snyder. May you all be well soon as we MISS YOU.

Happy to see that Mary Stellato is well enough to get out. Keep up the good work, Mary; R. Stellato, father of Jim, very, very ill.

Carnival of Jan 12th to have been held at the V. A. Hospital (Leeds) has been cancelled.

Sympathy to the family of Al Christopher of Meadow St. who lost his mother on Dec. 29th — Mrs. Marie "De Leo" Christopher. . . MANY SHALL MISS HER. To the family of Joseph J. Durant, of 91 Fairview Ave. . . He was a Past Commander of Post No. 1632, and to the family of Lawrence Mutti of High St. on the lost of his wife, Norma. To let you know that many thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are with you at this time of sorrow.

CLAMS and other goodies are still being served on Friday nights beginning at 7 p. m. until 11 by the VFW Auxiliary. The Ladies take turns serving these foods so COME ON DOWN. . .

At Your Service

EUGENE H. LUND
Director of Veterans Services



A new policy on dental care recently adopted by the Veterans Administration will extend treatment to Viet-Nam era veterans on a more liberal basis.

VA provides treatment for dental conditions that originated or were aggravated during military service if veterans apply during the first year after release from service.

Until recently, all ex-service-men had to support their requests by military records.

Under VA's new policy, dental treatment may be provided without supporting military records

if it is determined professionally — during the first eight months after release from service — that the condition is service-connected.

The veteran must make his application within the first six months after release from service and he must have served on active duty six months or more to qualify for the new benefit.

VA expects the new policy will extend dental care to veterans who developed conditions during military service that were not entered in their records.



SOCIAL SECURITY Questions and Answers

Q. Why are the social security taxes raised from time to time?

A. Social security taxes are raised from time to time to finance increased benefit amounts and other improvements in the program. Naturally, when benefits increase and new types of benefits are added, costs increase

and socia security taxes must be raised accordingly.

Q. I am receiving my social security retirement benefit while working part-time. My employer deducts social security tax from my pay. I'm over 65—do I still have to pay the tax?

A. Yes, your employer is cor-

rect in withholding the tax from your earnings. He also shares this responsibility by paying an amount equal to your social security taxes. As long as you work you continue to pay social security tax, regardless of your age or benefit status.

Q. Where does the money come from to pay for all of the different types of social security benefits?

A. During working years, employees, their employers, and self-employed people contribute to special social security trust funds. Money is then available so that cash benefits can be paid from these funds to replace part of the earnings an individual or a family loses when the worker retires, becomes disabled, or dies.

Q. I am receiving social security benefits and started working again in March 1967. At that time, I estimated my earnings would be approximately \$2400. My health is not so good now and I've had to cut down on my work. I probably earned only \$2000 in 1967. What should I do?

A. As soon as you receive the W-2 statement from your employer showing your total earnings for the year, you should file an annual report of earnings with your social security office. It is very important that you do this as soon as possible. You should be due some additional checks since you did not earn as much as you previously estimated. The report should be filed by April 15 each year.

Q. I am working and paying social security on the maximum amount taxable. My husband also works and pays social security on the maximum amount. I have been told that when I file I will receive benefits on my husband's account. Is this true?

A. No. If the amount that you would receive on your own account is equal to or greater than the amount you would be entitled on your husband's account, you would only receive benefits on your own account. Otherwise, you would be receiving an amount greater than you are permitted to receive under present laws.

Q. I have been out of work for one month because of a heart condition. My doctor told me that I probably won't be able to return to work again. When should I file my application for disability benefits?

A. Immediately. The people in your local Social Security office will be glad to help you fill out the forms. Although, it is easy to file the application, processing of your case will take time. Therefore, it's very important that you file your claim as soon as possible. If you do, you will be sure of getting your first check on time.

Q. I am a disabled widower who has stepchildren. I am thinking of remarrying. Will this stop the benefits of the children now under my care?

A. No. The children will still get benefits.

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